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IMPACT OF PESTICIDES ON FARMERS AND AGRICULTURAL WORKERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government maintains data relating to farmers and agricultural workers whose health was affected on account of use of pesticides due to inhaling/exposure and poisoning etc.;

(b) if so, the number of victims affected by pesticides during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether any deaths have been reported due to inhalation/over exposure to pesticides;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any compensation is being paid to the affected victims; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): As per section 26 of the Insecticides Act, 1968, State Governments maintain data regarding effects of pesticides on the health of farmers and agricultural workers.

(b) to (d): On the basis of reports received from States, for the period 2001-02 to 2005-06, the number of occupational poisoning due to pesticides i.e. on account of inhalation/exposure/ poisoning while using the pesticides in agricultural operations, is as follows:-

Haryana-65
Kerala-2
Punjab-21
Rajasthan-8
Uttar Pradesh-56
Other States have not reported any occupational poisoning.

(e) & (f): No reports of payment of compensation to the victims of occupational poisoning have been received from the States.